

(b) AVAILABILITY.—The special reserve authorized in subsection (a) shall be available to any committee—

(1) on the basis of special need to meet unpaid obligations incurred by that committee during the periods referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a); and

(2) at the request of a Chairman and Ranking Member of that committee subject to the approval of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SENATE RESOLUTION 67—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT ALAN GREENSPAN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD, SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE, HIS EXEMPLARY CONDUCT AS FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN, AND HIS COMMITMENT AS A PUBLIC SERVANT

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CARPER, and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

S. RES. 67

Whereas Chairman Alan Greenspan has provided leadership to the Federal Reserve for nearly fifteen years;

Whereas Chairman Greenspan has led the formulation of United States monetary policy through a time of significant economic expansion and low interest rates;

Whereas Chairman Greenspan has provided a steadying hand on policy during periods of great financial risk for the United States economy;

Whereas Chairman Greenspan possesses the wisdom of experience and the confidence of the public to continue to lead monetary policy through future economic cycles;

Whereas Chairman Greenspan has carefully upheld the responsibility of the Federal Reserve to be unbiased and impartial in its decision making; and

Whereas the Senate has the duty to provide oversight of the Federal Reserve: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that Alan Greenspan, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, should be recognized for his outstanding leadership of the Federal Reserve, his exemplary conduct as Federal Reserve chairman, and his commitment as a public servant.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., in closed session to receive a classified briefing on planning for post conflict Iraq.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and

Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct an oversight hearing on "The Federal Deposit Insurance System."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, on SUV safety.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. for purposes of conducting a business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

1. Agenda Item #5: S. 273—To direct the Secretary of the Interior to acquire specified State lands within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park by donation, purchase, or exchange for specified Federal lands of equal value in Wyoming.

2. Agenda Item #6: S. 302—To direct the Secretary of the Interior to acquire specified lands from willing sellers for addition to Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California.

3. Agenda Item #7: Nomination of Joseph Kelliher to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

4. Agenda Item #8: Views and Estimates of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with respect to those portions of the budget for fiscal year 2004 within the jurisdiction of this Committee.

In addition, the Committee may turn to any other measures that are ready for consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at 9:30 am to conduct a hearing to receive testimony from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator of the EPA, on the proposed FY 2004 EPA budget.

The meeting will be held in SD 406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet in open Executive Session during the session on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., to markup an origi-

nal bill entitled, the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2003.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a hearing on Post Conflict Afghanistan: A Perspective on Revitalization & Reconstruction.

Guest: His Excellency Hamid Karzai, President, The Transitional Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing entitled "Consolidating Intelligence Analysis: A Review of the President's Proposal to Create a Terrorist Threat Integration Center-Day 2."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting on pending Committee business, to be followed immediately by a hearing on the President's FY 2004 Budget for Indian Programs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 9:15 a.m., to mark up an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2003, through February 28, 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, for a hearing on the Administration's proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Department of Veterans Affairs budget.

The hearing will take place in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 4 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to

meet during the session of the Senate in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. to conduct a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### APPOINTMENT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the appointment that is at the desk appear separately in the RECORD as if made by the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public law 107-273, announces the appointment of the following individuals as members of the Antitrust Modernization Commission: Steve Cannon, of Virginia, and Makan Delrahim, of the District of Columbia.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 33 and all nominations on the Secretary's Desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed, as follows:

#### ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Steven J. Hashem, 9921

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

PN324 Army nominations (59) beginning DONOVAN G GREEN, and ending DANIEL M WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

#### MARINE CORPS

PN325 Marine Corps nomination of Karl G. Hartenstine, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN330 Marine Corps nomination of Leland W. Suttie, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN331 Marine Corps nomination of Carlos D. Sanabria, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN332 Marine Corps nomination of John W. Bradway, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN333 Marine Corps nomination of Kathleen A. Hoard, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN334 Marine Corps nomination of Jeffrey A. Fultz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN335 Marine Corps nomination of Eric R. McBee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN336 Marine Corps nominations (5) beginning CHRISTOPHER J. AMBS, and ending DOUGLAS E. WEDDLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN337 Marine Corps nominations (4) beginning ROBERT E. COTE, and ending FRANK L. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN338 Marine Corps nominations (4) beginning CHARLES W. ANDERSON, and ending JERRY B. SCHMIDT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN340 Marine Corps nominations (2) beginning DOUGLAS M. FINN, and ending RONALD P. HEFLIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN341 Marine Corps nominations (2) beginning CALVIN L. HYNES, and ending CHARLES S. MORROW, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

#### NAVY

PN301 Navy nomination of Waymon J. Jackson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 6, 2003.

#### AIR FORCE

PN274 Air Force nomination of Richard M. \* Norris, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 28, 2003.

PN281 Air Force nomination of Joseph P. Dibeneditto, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 29, 2003.

PN282 Air Force nomination of John C. Landreneau, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 29, 2003.

PN311 Air Force nomination of Charles N. Davidson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN312 Air Force nomination of Thomas R. Unrath, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

#### ARMY

PN313 Army nominations (3) beginning THOMAS W. SHEA, and ending THOMAS W. YARBOROUGH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN314 Army nominations (3) beginning ROBERT J. KINCAID, and ending RODNEY L. THOMAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN315 Army nomination of Bradley J. Jorgensen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN316 Army nominations (8) beginning THERESA S. GONZALES, and ending ANTHONY S. THOMAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN317 Army nominations (9) beginning RONALD E. ELLYSON, and ending SHELDON WATSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN318 Army nominations (10) beginning DAVID J. COHEN, and ending MICHAEL J. ZAPOR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN319 Army nominations (16) beginning BRAD A. \* BLANKENSHIP, and ending EUGENE K. \* WEBSTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN320 Army nominations (130) beginning SHEILA R. \* ADAMS, and ending AMMON \* WYNN, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN321 Army nominations (37) beginning MARY C. \* ADAMSCHALLENGER, and ending DAVID A. \* WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN322 Army nominations (92) beginning TEDD S. \* ADAIR, II, and ending REBECCA A. \* YUREK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

PN323 Army nominations (20) beginning DAVID W. GARCIA, and ending TERRY E. RAINES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2003.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 12 noon, Thursday, February 27. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate return to executive session and resume the consideration of the nomination of Miguel Estrada to be a Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow—which is today—the Senate will begin its 11th day of consideration of the Estrada nomination. I thank my colleagues for their hard work today and encourage those Members who still wish to speak on the nomination to do so during tomorrow's session.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the